

Follow the Firework Code

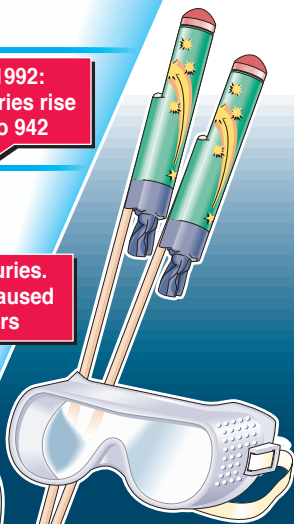
Safety officers are concerned that new regulations intended to standardise fireworks within the EC could result in more injuries. The laws will allow an increase from the current legal maximum of 1.6 grammes of gunpowder in banger-style fireworks to five grammes and permit hand-held Roman Candles to contain explosive charges

Widespread increase in organised firework displays results in dramatic fall in injuries

1970s: Firework injuries requiring hospital treatment reach 2,500 a year

1992: Injuries rise to 942

1991: 723 injuries.
1 injury in 7 caused by sparklers



The Firework Code:

-  **Keep fireworks in a closed box:** Remove one at a time, replace lid immediately
-  **Follow instructions on each firework carefully:** Use a torch to read instructions – never a naked flame
-  **Light firework fuse at arms length:** Use a safety firework lighter or wick fuse – **never lean over fireworks**
-  **Wear safety goggles and gloves to light fireworks:** When fuse is lit stand well back

-  **Never hold babies while also holding sparklers:** Dowse used sparklers in water
-  **Never return to fireworks once they have been lit:** They may go off unexpectedly
-  **Never keep fireworks in your pocket:** Stray sparks could easily ignite them
-  **Never throw fireworks. Keep pets indoors**

